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SUBJ: RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT FOR UT1 MICHAEL
LADD

1. IN CONNECTION WITH UT1 MICHAEL LADD'S RECENT TRANSFER FROM EMBASSY MOSCOW TO CONGEN, WE WISH TO BE ASSURED THAT MR. LADD'S DIPLOMATIC STATUS WILL BE CONTINUED. POST CONSIDERS THIS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: ALL OF AMERICAN STAFF AT THIS CONSULATE CURRENTLY ARE GRANTED DIPLOMATIC STATUS, WITH SOLE EXCEPTION OF MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT. MOREOVER, WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT:

--UT1 LADD WOULD BE UNABLE TO PERFORM SOME ROUTINE, BUT IMPORTANT, DUTIES ASSIGNED TO ALL STAFF MEMBERS HERE SUCH AS SERVING AS NON PRO COURIER TO HELSINKI, THUS DENYING THE POST AN ADDITIONAL HUMAN RESOURCE;

--LADD'S EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF POST'S CLASSIFIED OPERATIONS, BOTH TECHNICAL AND FUNCTIONAL, WOULD PUT HIM IN HIGHLY VULNERABLE POSITION WHICH COULD BE EXPLOITED BY SOVIETS;

--LADD AUTOMATICALLY WOULD LOSE A NUMBER OF
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DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES ACCORDED OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFF-- SUCH AS DUTY FREE ENTRY OF HHE AND FOOD SHIPMENTS-- AND, THUS WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO INEQUITABLE TREATMENT IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE REST OF THE STAFF; AND

--FINALLY, MR. LADD WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TYPE OF LENGTHY SEARCHES AND DELAYS AT SOVIET/FINNISH BORDER ROUTINELY

EXPERIENCED BY MARINE GUARDS.

2. IN SHORT, IT IS VIEW OF THIS CONSULATE THAT UT1
LADD COULD NOT PERFORM HIS ASSIGNED TASKS ADEQUATELY
WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC STATUS. BUCHANAN

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